MONTEREY NEWS

OCTOBER 1990

TOWN NEWS

Selectmen's Meetings

Mr. Winfield Ogden, owner of the property known as Greywold, has agreed to the request of the Board to remove the earthen barrier erected on Route 23 in the Town right-of-way. Mr. Ogden will make arrangements with Tryon Construction Co. to have the work completed this fall. He has been instructed by the Selectmen to consult with Tree Warden Roger Tryon about the replacement of Town trees removed from the property line.

The Board also met with Leigh Tryon of Tryon Construction Co. to discuss the earth barrier removal project. Mr. Tryon expressed concern about the safety of the road while the work is underway. He pointed out that Tryon Construction had been given permission by the Selectmen to remove the guardrails. Mr. Tryon said that with the removal of the barrier, the shoulder of the road could be quite steep and suggested that the Town consider safety measures. It was agreed that some topsoil will be removed from the barrier and temporarily set on Town property to assure safety for passing motorists. If there is any deviation from the plan, Tryon Construction Co. will consult with Highway Superintendent Don Amstead. Mr. Amstead will inform the Board of any problems or changes. In addition, the Selectmen agreed to provide signs, barriers and barrels for safety.

The Board met with Police Chief Doug Lyman to discuss the fireworks display that took place on Lake Buel over Labor Day weekend. He requested that in the future all such events be licensed by the Town and that the police be alerted. At a later meeting of the Selectmen, Chief Lyman was advised that the Fire Chief issues all permits of this kind and that the people who hold these permits will be required to

The goats of Rawson Brook Farm

notify the Selectmen so that they may inform the appropriate Town Officers.

Wayne Burkhart, of the Solid Waste Committee, presented the Board with a contract from Admet Recycling Co. of Naugatuck, Connecticut, for the removing, hauling and recycling of the Town's light iron, white goods, copper and aluminum. Under the proposed contract, Admet would provide and maintain containers for the goods and would remove them on a regular basis, and the Town would prevent anyone other than Admet from removing the goods. The Town would be compensated for ten percent of the value of the goods based upon the daily market and Admet's dealer prices. The contract is being reviewed by Town Counsel.

Highway Superintendent Don Amstead met with the Selectmen to discuss a proposed culvert replacement on Bidwell Road. The project will involve widening the road.

A public hearing was held on the petition of Massachusetts Electric Co. and New England Telephone for the installation of a joint pole location (#18) on the northwest side of Harmon Road. Ray Almori attended the hearing for Massachusetts Electric Co. There being no objections, it was unanimously voted that the petition be granted.

It was unanimously voted by the Board to accept the bid by Soil Tech Inc. of Great Barrington in the amount of $485 for the design of a septic system for the Town Hall. There were two other bids received, one from Foresight Land Services of Pittsfield for $900 and the other from Accord Diversified Consultants, Inc. of Tyringham for $1,200.

The following building permit applications were reviewed and signed by the Board, subject to approval by appropriate Town boards and officers: Tom and Judy Ward for a window dormer addition to their Bidwell Road house, in care of George Dewey; Dro Proudian for the construction of a bedroom and bathroom addition in his Stevens Lake home, in care of Steve Reddy.

— Maggie Leonard

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board held its regular meeting on September 13 with all members present. Bob Brown of Accord Diversified Consultants, Inc. presented the Board with a Form A land division plan for the property of Eric F. Craven on Art School Road. The plan designates two lots, one of 8.022 acres, the other of 3.605 acres. Chairman Joe Baker questioned whether the plan met the 200-foot road frontage requirements. The Board voted unanimously to allow Mr. Brown to make a minor change in the survey plan so it would conform to the bylaw requirements. The plans were approved and signed.

Mike Parsons of Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Associates, Inc. presented the Board with a preliminary subdivision plan for Stevens Lake Associates located on the south side of Route 23. The survey plan shows 14+ acres divided into five lots. Lot #5 will not be a building lot. There was some question as to the accessibility of one of the lots and the Board decided to walk the property. The survey plan was filed, and the Board has 45 days in which to make suggestions or objections.

The Board reviewed the county surveyors' survey of the intersection of Route 23 and the North Road, particularly the area known as "Walsh's Corner." The Board of Selectmen has been negotiating with the Walshes, whose property near the road was slowly being nibbled away by the "traveled way" of the road. The survey reflects the changes in the boundary lines and was signed and approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the changes to be made in the Stream and Pond Protection bylaw proposal. (See related article below.) The bylaw was rejected by the Attorney General due to an improper posting date and because some of the information appeared on an accompanying map. Although the substance of the bylaw has not changed, Chairman Joe Baker will confer with Town Counsel to assure that everything is in order.

The Planning Board has decided to begin the reprinting of the bylaws. The Board had intended to include the Stream and Pond Protection bylaw; however, due to the recent setback it will be included as an insert (assuming that it is passed again by the Town and approved by the Attorney General). The Board agreed that since the current bylaw booklet is obsolete it is imperative to have it reprinted as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be

October 11. The following items are on the agenda for discussion: the Stevens Lake Association subdivision proposal; the Stream and Pond Protection bylaw for the upcoming Town Meeting; the bylaw reprint update. All citizens are invited to attend.

— Maggie Leonard

STREAM AND POND PROTECTION BYLAW SUFFERS TEMPORARY SETBACK

The Planning Board learned in September that the Attorney General's office in Boston has determined that there was a procedural error in the presentation of the Stream and Pond Protection bylaw last spring, and has therefore disapproved the bylaw amendment. The process required by the Massachusetts General Laws for the passage of a zoning bylaw is rather complicated, and any discrepancy therein is legal grounds for disapproval. So the Planning Board will be presenting the Stream and Pond Protection bylaw once again.

The bylaw being presented is exactly the same as the one that the Town passed unanimously last May, with the exception of a change suggested by the Attorney General to make the law more defendable in court: The explanation of the protection of all streams within the watersheds of Lake Buel and Lake Garfield, whether marked on the map or not, which was presented only on the map, is now stated in the text as well.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 4, at 7:30 pm in the Town Offices for discussion of this bylaw proposal. Meanwhile, copies of the text of the proposal are available at the Town Offices, and the map is on display there. The bylaw amendment will be voted at the October 19 Special Town Meeting.

- Joe Baker

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RAJEE — UPDATE

Rajee came home from the Shriner's Hospital on September 19. She will be with us for three weeks before she must return on October 9. At that time she will be fitted with her leg braces and begin physical therapy. This will be the next stage that will facilitate her being able to walk.

Rajee's operation was on August 27. The surgeons released muscles in both hips and both knees. Her legs were then placed in casts fitted with hooks that all allowed them to be stretched (extended and flexed). Picture a medieval torture chamber where victims are strapped on "the rack." It was a painful experience and yet Rajee laughed and sang despite the discomfort. The stretching was required to prevent the hip muscles from contracting back to their previous position.

After six weeks of hospitalization, Rajee was ready to come home. Us too! Her spirits remain remarkably high, and she is looking eagerly to the time when she will be on her feet. It will be another difficult and painful process, but her determination is strong. It also appears that further tendon release surgery will be necessary to complete the process. But right now, we're just happy to have her back home with us.

Once again, thank you for your love, concern and support. Rajee was inundated with cards which covered an entire wall at the hospital. Rajee knows that she is loved. What a wonderful feeling!

— The Aerie Family

CHURCH NEWS

At a recent worship service our congregation had an opportunity to state their thoughts about our church's role in the Monterey community. I thought it would be appropriate to summarize their response so you can learn more about our ideas and concerns.

We used a questionnaire as part of the sermon and asked, "What do you feel is special about our church family?" Two major themes came to the fore. First, we have a uniquely loving and caring fellowship. Our members said they are drawn to this church because of its openness, friendliness and hospitality. One person shared the thought that our church family "radiates love," while another person responded, "the welcome and love I feel toward and from this family brings out the best in myself." The second theme is that of the meaningfulness of worship. In one person's words, "I feel like my own spiritual connection matters to it (the church family) and is supported."

We then addressed a broader question: "What are the needs in Monterey?" To this there was an overwhelming response that our town needs a deeper sense of community. People need to become better acquainted and feel connected with one another. As one person wrote, Monterey needs more "laughter, understanding, accepting and giving," while another person added, Monterey needs a "focusing place where its conflicts and crises can be put in perspective." Several people stated that there are many persons with special needs who are isolated and uncared for. We need to help each other by reaching out to our neighbors.

We then looked at ourselves and asked, "What does our church have to offer Monterey?" A single theme of CENTERING was foremost in the questionnaire responses. We can offer a spiritual centering, a oneness affirming the sacredness of each person that enables spiritual growth. Because of our sense of "family" we can also offer a center of fellowship where together we can help each other discover the essence of hope, faith and love. In one person's words, we can also be a center for "extended caring, service and ministry to meet human needs (physical and social as well as emotional and spiritual)."

What does all this mean? Essentially, our congregation feels that it is an extended family, a fellowship that supports and nurtures each other. And at the core is our spiritual centering in God's love. Furthermore, we have a lot to offer to the community — "a home for mixing views and thereby strengthening the mortar of our foundations."

In the weeks and months ahead we'll be exploring this theme further. We're interested in what you, the community, have to say as well. Our Sunday morning worship celebration is the focus of our life together. Everyone is welcome. As one person wrote, "Our church provides a local hub in the community for people to contemplate and communicate key issues under a mantle of spiritual guidance."

— Cliff Aerie

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— Martin Buber

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Many thanks to all who contributed returnable bottles and cans to the Master Garbologist for the Children's Health Program. We received $1,500 from the Master Garbologist and are very grateful.

All the parent-child playgroups are underway. During October we will sponsor two other family-oriented activities. On October 25, at 10 a.m. parents and children are invited to join us at Kooky Spooky Avenue at Ward's Nursery in Great Barrington. Flora the Friendly Witch will read stories, and children will be able to view animated displays about the autumn and Halloween. Each child will receive a coloring book, pumpkin, cup of cider and cup of popcorn. There is an admission fee of $1.00 to help cover expenses. We will need a head count, so let us know if you plan to attend. We will also sponsor a Halloween Party for young children and parents at the Egremont playgroup on October 31, 10-11:30 a.m. Activities and snacks will be provided. The Egremont playgroup site is the Town Hall on Route 71 in North Egremont.

Many parents have asked what they can do to assist us with our programs. We have an ongoing project called Pennies for Parents, in which people save and donate pennies, which are rolled and cashed to help provide for expenses. We also plan to sell our booklets, "Kid's Kure for Kabin Fever," necklaces and earrings, book bags and t-shirts at the Bradford Mews Flea Market in Sheffield on October 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. We would like volunteers to help man our booth. If you can donate an hour of your time, please call Wendy Jensen at 528-4007.

The fall six-session program of Active Parenting will begin October 29, 7-9 p.m. at the Children's Health Program. The sessions cover topics such as understanding your child, instilling courage, developing responsibility, winning cooperation, cooperative family. The class registration fee is $30.00. Playgroup leaders and parent-to-parent volunteers may take the class for a $15.00 fee. Scholarships are available.

One of the programs under the umbrella of the Children's Health Program is Early Intervention, an educational and therapeutic service, serving families with children, newborn-three years old. A child may be referred to this program by parents, health care providers, or other service providers who have concerns or questions about a child's development. It is a free service.

For more information, or to register for any of these programs, please call 528-9311.

— Claudette Callahan

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met September 19 for a variety program. Plans were discussed for the October 17 meeting.

Six members attended the 85th anniversary at West Stockbridge Grange #246 on September 10.

Mary Wallace (Lecturer) will be the delegate to the session in Leominster on October 25-27. The next meeting will be October 3. Kam Tierian and Florence Brown will be in charge of the program.

— Mary Wallace, Lecturer

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PARK COMMISSION NEWS

In last month's listing of the summer swimming students several of the members of the Emergency Water Safety group were inadvertently omitted. EWS is the Red Cross program that used to be called Junior Lifesaving. It's very demanding, so all participants deserve recognition. The rest of the EWS students were: Josh Aerie, Collin Crotty, Nathan Hoogs, Nate Heller, Julian Kerob, Oriana Raab, John Smith, Daniel Straus, Jared Thomson.

— Fran Amidon

HELP WANTED

1. School crossing guard for the Monterey Police Department.
2. Special Police Officer for the Monterey Police Department. Please call Chief Doug Lyman at 528-3211 for details.

NOTICES

The Board of Health will allow septic perc testing this year from October 15 to November 15.

The Conservation Commission has directed the Selectmen to begin a full drawdown of Lake Garfield no later than October 1. The drawdown is to be completed no later than October 15.

LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Lake Garfield Association held its second annual meeting on September 1. The meeting, attended by about fifty people, was chaired by our new president, Barbara Resnik.

A beautiful pewter bowl was presented to Dean Amidon for his many years of dedicated service as president. Gifts of appreciation were also given to our former secretary, Jean Germain, and treasurer Bud Pearl.

Bob Lazzarini reported on the study done by Associated Environmental Scientists and the evaluations by Berkshire Envirolabs and Bay Front Laboratories. Association members agreed that the condition of Lake Garfield was better this year than in the past three years. It was decided to ask the Town to implement the study's recommendation for a three-year cycle drawdown—two years at five feet, five inches and one year at the flood control depth of three feet. The study indicated two areas of very high coliform count, at Peppermint Beach and the channel entrance at the east end of the lake. It was decided that two three-man teams would check the homes in these areas with Matt Williams of the Town Board of Health. It was also suggested that all lake homeowners voluntarily check their own systems using dye samples available from the Town.

Shirley Quisenberry will be in charge of the Lake Garfield Directory. David Quisenberry will complete a map showing all the lot owners around the lake. David McAllester will undertake a census of the wildlife in the lake area.

Muriel Lazzarini reported that the Canoe Flotilla had to be cancelled due to bad weather. However, it received the support of 160 people, so we plan to try again next summer.

Muriel also suggested that it was time for an active membership drive and proposed setting up a table in front of the General Store. Annual dues of $10 entitle the donor to full membership.

Barbara Resnik closed the meeting by saying that she wants the Lake Garfield Association to take an interest in all Town projects and contribute whenever possible. A closer association between second homeowners and year-round residents is important in maintaining Monterey as the Berkshires' finest community.

— Jane Bohn

LAND TRUST NEWS

The Monterey Preservation Land Trust held its annual meeting on September 15 at the home of Lew and Joyce Scheffey. We reviewed some of the projects completed and under way, including a discussion of affordable housing prospects. Several properties in Monterey are presently being considered by their owners for conservation easements or other protective covenants.

David and Susan McAllester have generously conveyed a conservation easement to the Land Trust for 10.774 acres of land along the shore of Lake Garfield. We viewed photographs of the property and plan to walk this scenic and ecologically important acreage later this year. The McAllesters described the land and its meaning for them in a letter to the Land Trust, which is excerpted here:

"The land's chief conservation values are its scenic beauty as an untouched stretch of shoreline, on a largely developed lake, and its ecological importance because of the four brooks that charge its wetlands and constitute the headwaters of the lake. It has been much loved in our family for over 100 years. We maintain a wigwam and keep a small meadow cleared by the brook that enters the lake at the southwestern corner of the property. We have made nature trails across the swamp and up to our home and also to the home of our daughter, Bonner McAllester, and our son-in-law, Clifford M. Baker, on Hupi Road.

"The land was once a low-lying meadow and became largely marsh and lightly timbered swampland when the dam impounding Lake Garfield was enlarged and the lake level raised in 1972.

"The area supports a richly varied plant life from mature pines on the high ground to alders, grasses, sedges, bayberry wild roses, hellebore, fringed orchis and many other species, including cattails and clumps of yellow iris. The fauna include nesting redwinged blackbirds, thrushes, cedar waxwings, song sparrows, catbirds, and Canada geese. There are visiting herons, owls, ospreys, foxes, raccoons, porcupines, skunks, otters, and deer. Beavers raise their families in the only beaver ponds on the lake. There are trout in the brooks and ponds and offshore are pickerel, perch, bluegills, and minnows. We have seen clusters of young hornpout, many newts, and, more rare in recent years, bullfrogs, painted and snapping turtles, and muskrats. We have seen one axolotl at our canoe landing.

"This area is part of the land we have posted as a wildlife refuge for many years. The abundance and variety of its fauna and flora, its natural beauty and its ecological value mean a great deal to us. By means of this Conservation Easement we hope to preserve these values into the future."

We discussed our interest in *Berkshire Green*, a quarterly publication supported by Land Trusts in Berkshire County. Some members ventured suggestions for supporting the magazine at less expense to each member organization. Several people planned to attend a meeting about *Berkshire Green* and the coalition of land trusts to be held September 25 at the Red Lion Inn.

We elected Directors for the coming year. In addition to the usual suspects, Susan McAllester and Storrs Olds are now on the Board.

MPLT now has a copy of an eighteen-minute-long video called *Land in Trust: Options for Private Landowners*, produced by the Trustees of Reservations. It will be available to the public on request once our Directors have finished viewing it.

A question was raised about a new environmental group, centered in Great Barrington, Berkshire Green Alliance, which has been in existence for about a year. Judy Bach offered to keep us posted on the plans and activities of this organization.

Slowly but surely, the Monterey Land Trust is making the "Preservation" part of its name a reality. If you are interested in learning more about our efforts to enhance our environment, please call Roger Tryon at 528-4091 for details and membership information.

— Carol Edelman

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MONTEREY AUTHOR FEATURED AT BOOK PARTY

A party and reading on October 6 from 2-4 p.m. at The Bookstore in Lenox will introduce Berkshire readers to Roberta Silman's new novel, *Beginning the World Again*. Roberta and her family have been part-time residents on Blue Hill Road since 1973.

The novel is written from the point of view of a fictional wife of one of the young scientists who worked on the development of the atom bomb. It raises questions of moral responsibility, the dilemmas of war, women's place in relation to those dilemmas, and the seductive nature of scientific discovery.

Roberta has written two earlier novels, *Boundaries* and *The Dream Dredger*, a children's book entitled *Somebody Else's Child*, and a collection of short stories called *Blood Relations*. Her stories have appeared in a number of magazines, including *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *McCall's* and *Redbook*.

Roberta's Monterey friends and neighbors are invited to attend the party.

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SOVIET STUDENTS TO VISIT MONTEREY

Undergraduate college students from the Thorez Institute of Foreign Languages in Moscow, fourteen young men and women in all, plus their older faculty advisor, will be in Monterey on Saturday, October 13. They are currently studying at the State University of New York in Albany as part of an exchange program between the U. S. Department of State and the Ministry of Education of the U. S. S. R. (An equal number of American students are sent to Soviet Colleges.)

This will be the fifteenth such visit to Monterey since 1976. The group will be escorted about town by Bernie Kleban and Helen Sheingold, visiting a variety of places in an effort to acquaint the students with rural Berkshire life. They will be served dinner in the Gould Farm dining room, followed by a social gathering at a local home.

If you would like to meet the students, please contact us by phone or mail, and we will get back to you to let you know where the group will be at different times. Children and students of all ages are welcome. Also welcome as gifts for the Soviet students are books (in English and/or other languages such as French, Spanish, German, Italian) on subjects related to the students' studies: American and European history, drama, poetry, economics, novels. We can arrange to pick up such books if you cannot bring them to us. Call Bernie Kleban at (212) 549-5171 or Helen Sheingold at 528-4187, or write us at P. O. Box 141, Monterey, MA 01245.

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FOOD FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED

"A TASTE OF THE BERKSHIRE HILLS: An Outdoor Festival of Fine Foods and Restaurants" will take place on October 13, in Great Barrington, on Castle Street and the Bandstand Green from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission will be free.

A parade of elegant draft horses and their carriages, local school bands, farm tractors and local 4Hers escorting their goats will lead festival-goers down Main Street to Castle Street, where a vast selection of delicious samplings from area restaurants, farmers, and specialty food makers will be on sale.

Among the Monterey residents participating in the festival will be: Roger Tryon of Lowland Farm; Michele Miller, chef/proprietor of the Boiler Room Cafe in Southfield, and Ellen Pearson, longtime coordinator of the Monterey Day Parade as coordinator of "A Taste of the Berkshire Hills" parade.

The UMass/Berkshire Cooperative Extension, the sponsor of the event, aims to create awareness and support for the vital food industry in the Berkshires as well as educate consumers about the region and introduce them to the people who grow, process and cook their food.

For more information about the festival, contact Lauren Kelly Smith or Cathy Roth at (413) 448-8285.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS

Parents Anonymous is a self-help, non-profit organization open to all parents who seek to improve relations with their children. Parents who find themselves repeating disciplinary actions—yelling, threatening, hitting—that do not work, parents who feel themselves alone in raising their children, parents who derive less pleasure from raising their children than they thought they would, all have a place in Parents Anonymous.

Parents Anonymous was founded in California almost twenty years ago, and today there are chapters in every state and in many other countries around the world. The Massachusetts chapter is one of the most successful, with more than fifty local branches. The South Berkshire chapter meets every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Great Barrington, and members are always available to one another by telephone. Everything that is said and done through PA is completely confidential. If you or someone you know would like more information about Parents Anonymous, the number to call is 1-800-882-1250 for the Boston office or 528-4863 locally.

MONTEREY ROWER BRINGS HOME THE BRONZE

Harlan (Lanny) Lanoue rowed his way to two bronze medals at the Alden Ocean Shell National Championships at Brant Lake, New York, last month. The bi-annual championships are open by invitation to the top 200-250 ocean shell racers in the country. Lanny's record of two firsts, six seconds and three thirds (in only 11 starts) qualified him for this prestigious event.

Lanny placed third in both of his events: the 1200-meter (6 min, 54 sec) and the grueling four-mile race (38 min, 21 sec). In addition, he captained the winning team in the three-mile relay (a non-championship race).

Lanny has been rowing since 1987, in competition since 1988. His 16-foot shell, in custom Berkshire Racing Green, is a familiar sight on Lake Garfield, where he trains almost every evening.

WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY
Barbara Swann, Town Clerk

SUSAN McALLESTER

Most of us have met our Town Clerk and found her to be a greatly helpful lady who takes immediate interest in whatever our concerns may be. But not everyone knows of her long family connection with Monterey and her unusual background of world travels and multicultural studies. She began spending summers here in her early childhood at the home of her grandparents, Wilbur and Elizabeth Thomas. They lived in a big white house on New Marlboro Road, above Rawson Brook. Dr. Thomas had retired from the American Friends Service Committee and was serving as a circuit preacher in Otis and New Boston. The Thomases extended warm hospitality to numerous family members and also, in the troubled years before and during World War II, to refugees from Europe.

Barbara remembers delightful summer months at the farm, supplying firewood for the kitchen stove, working in the vegetable garden, swinging in the barn to the sound of classical recordings on a windup Victrola ("we called it 'barn music'"), and jumping into the heaps of sawdust in the icehouse. There were lots of cousins to play with, and there were warm relations with friends and neighbors all over Monterey. Because of Dr. Thomas' service as a minister, there was an intimate awareness of the deeper side of life in this and nearby communities. "Monterey became my ideal as I began to see there was no other place like it in the world."

There was plenty of opportunity to make comparisons. Barbara's parents, Prof. Gordon Bowles and Jane Thomas Bowles, lived and worked abroad. Barbara went to school in Washington, Tokyo, Indiana, New York, Arizona, and Boston. Her knowledge of Japan and ability in Japanese, gained from ages 12 to 18 in Japan, led to Asian studies. She was also fascinated by American history and social studies. "I studied America from the age of twelve, overseas." She was especially interested in diaries and other biographical material, in Japan and the Berkshires, that would show how people were actually feeling and thinking about their lives and their communities.

Wherever the Bowles family lived, Monterey remained "home." Gordon had begun, in 1932, to build the stone house (after a design he observed in Tibet) on a rise in the wide field across the road from the Thomases. From the 1950s Monterey became the family center.

Barbara married Thomas Swann, a classmate and specialist in Asian literature, in 1964. This led to more trips to Japan, graduate degrees, and teaching in various parts of this country. But, always, Monterey was a kind of magnetic center. She focused study and teaching on politics and kinship, increasingly interested in how some communities, in America and other countries, succeed in creating the sense of "home" that one feels so strongly in Monterey. Jennifer was born in Kyoto in 1973 but, by 1980, teaching and moving every few years seemed endless, and they returned to the stone house on the knoll.

Barbara's versatility made the move possible; she was a part-time secretary for a number of businesses and institutions in South Berkshire. She also became an organizer and officer of the Mahingan Institute, an organization that is engaged in local Native American and colonial studies, matching her longtime interests. Her training in the study of Town

records, diaries, and other early evidence of the development of the particular mind-set of a given community will enable her to play a helpful role in the development of the Institute.

Of all her jobs, the position of Town Clerk has a special appeal for Barbara. It enables her to be of service to this community that has attracted her affection since her childhood. She has become part of the special way in which Monterey tries to meet the needs of its constituents and the way in which they return that care.

— David P. McAllester

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Apples were important in town,
Applesauce was prepared and stored
In barrels, frozen to last for months
To grace the family board.

Then cider mills were started up
But barrels were needed first
So jobs were there for many men
To care for the people's thirst.

Larger jugs were made for the cook.
Now pickling was done in each jar.
The cider was boiled for applesauce
And the mincemeat became a star.

May-apples and azalea buds
Were pickled, too, for cold days.
Apples were sliced and dried for pies.
Continuing the old ways.

A distillery was started next
To give the town cider brandy.
Demijohns covered with wicker appeared
With handles to make them happy.

Intoxication became a problem,
And many a mother would cry,
"Where is my wandering boy tonight?"
And many a boy would lie.

So the town voted to go dry.
T'was a unanimous decision.
The church bells rang, the people sang!
They had no more division.

— Nancy Adams

BEAVER LODGE

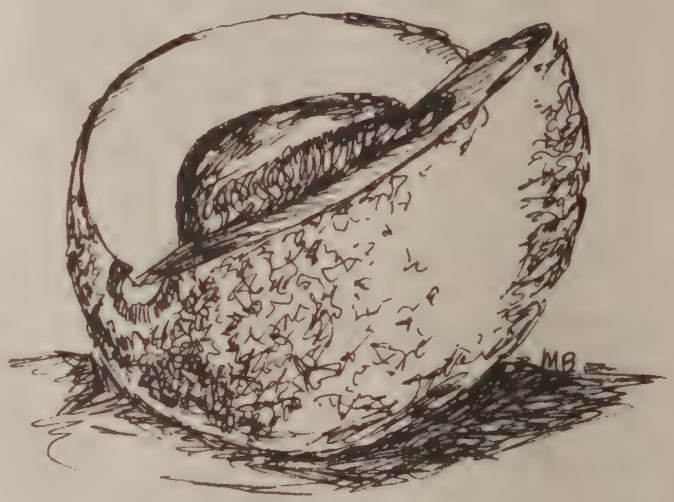
By the road, winding down
From my hills to the valley
A beaver lodge in a wide marsh
Is large and trim and splendidly domed.

I imagine the inside, dark, wet,
Wonderfully crafted, thoroughly safe.
What other mammal, except for us,
Raises the beams of a fortress house?

No wolf can huff and puff it away;
No land creature can even find the door.
Warm through the winter, cool in summer,
It's a hilltop island where turtles safely sun.

So civil and engineered, yet wild,
This last autochthonous domicile.

— David P. McAllester



HARVEST

No hint of glory here. Just melons in a pile;
Their secret selves concealed till bared by knife-blade keen
Our senses to beguile.
Alluring fragrance first bids taste-buds activate.
Then juice drips cool and sweet. But colors rich and bright
Who could anticipate?
Vermilion. Palest green.
Pink yellow coral white
Black seeds in red, brown seeds in gold
A living geode seem!
No expert of efficiency these simple melons planned
With stingy, joyless drudge or dull monotony.
But playful providence, by lavish open hand
Completing our delight,
Reveals Creator's smile.

— Mary B. Ward

REMEMBERING IN AUTUMN

Wild geese honking
lack lustre sky at dusk
grass high, bent stalks of goldenrod
and milkweed's bursting pods
—the outdoors fireplace a forgotten thing.

Two shuttered houses
old ladies with their gloves on
forgot to smile the night we passed
but drawing inward to themselves
breezes in whorls a-whining through their heads
creaked messages our way
—who are these fools this time of year
who pass us in their sadness
what is their haste?

The dog at home
tied up to wait my coming
reproaches my neglect
and while I try to make amends
—I think of our last day.

I'll miss you, was all you said
and I I bowed my head I could not speak
a thousand years of grief caught at my throat.

Now hear the lonely catbird in a pine
Autumn rides keening on the wind.

— Sue Moody

AUTUMN POPLARS

Every tintinnabulating leaf
Strikes its tambourine
And cries
"Osannah!" to the rain.

— David P. McAllester

FOR JENNIE

It was never just your weeping
The irremediable loss of your mother's keeping,
It was not, I say, that breath-catching desolation
Because such agony, of course, would have scant duration,
A certain end on Carol's remediant returning
Against all your toddling awful expectation,
Nor was it only the pulsing of her own heart
In terrible sympathies, for three hours pried apart
From her dearest and most desperate need
By indifferent family fellows who would not heed,
That I, cold & analytic, was a student of.

No, I lounged observing the tortured tugs of love
From a bonny fort, safe from any errant pang
And considered that though now you sang
At the wide & empty world such a wrongful dirge,
You would later sing one softer, to the hammered surge
Of a vaster keener grief when the lean & trembling
Dark-eyed boy who'll undress you for an evening
Takes a different Jennie; and Carol's comfort's helpless
As the least anodyne for the anguish of that fled caress.

— James H. Michelman

Unspoken words,
Unwritten songs,
Silent music,

Boundless space;
Void.

— Ann M. LaVallee

Photos by Susan McAllester

MY GOOSE AND THE LAW

That goose we let go on the lake is doing fine. Her name, according to my children, is Rose, and she has joined a family group, presumably her own. We watched them on the beach one morning and saw that her one-leggedness didn't stop her from making her way up the steep slope to the good grazing place. Her gait is actually graceful, to me. She flaps her wings to take some of her weight into the air, then hops on her big strong leg.

To the other geese, especially the two boss adults of the group, she must appear odd. They keep her outside the group a little, charging her in a moderate way with necks stretched out. When she is near the younger geese, the ones of her own age, they graze right beside her. I guess it's not their responsibility to drive off odd individuals. Their job is to eat, grow, learn to fly, make it to the winter feeding grounds and then back again to start new family groups. In this first summer it is not up to them to think about the rightness or wrongness of one-legged geese.

We have been discussing rightness and wrongness and geese here in our house ever since a month ago when the long arm of the law reached out and touched us, with a gentle slap, for our involvement with a one-legged goose. My children are interested in anything pertaining to police, jails, judges, juries, laws, voting, taxes, and government. We were just about to sit down to supper, had the corn in the pot, when the environmental police came down the driveway. Joe had gone out to give the corn shucks to the goat. He came in and said someone wanted to see me.

It was nearly an hour before the goat got her corn shucks and I made it back to the supper table with my ticket in my hand. The officer had been real generous with his time; we had both had a lot of questions. But who really had the questions were the kids.

"Why did he have a gun, was he going to shoot something?"

"Did you break the law, Mommy, are you going to jail?"

"Mom, do you think we should have just let Rose die?"

"Who made that law? Maybe it should be changed."

According to the officer, I'd broken more laws than you can shake a stick at. I had hunted a Canada goose, out of season and without a license. I had then commenced to harass said goose, every day at least twice a day, not to mention constantly, by keeping her confined, which is tough on a wild animal. Another thing I did was to ". . . rehabilitate one Canada goose with no permit issued from Fisheries and Wildlife so to do."

I got interested in the definition of "wildlife" and learned that fish, turtles, snails, crayfish are all wildlife. I thought about all the snails I have hunted, captured, and then harassed in my aquarium. There was Konkapot the crayfish, too. Without mentionning them specifically (I was getting worried about the length of my criminal record), I learned from the officer that actually there was no law against hunting these out of season since there's no license required for hunting them. In other words, if there are no laws or provisions set up to tell you how and when to blast and butcher or otherwise get involved

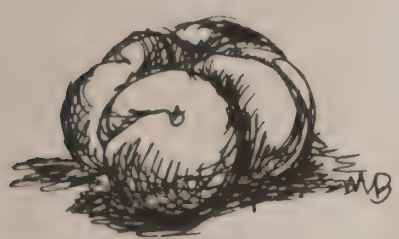
with wildlife, then neither are there any corresponding laws telling you how you can't. So you can. (I can see I should have been a lawyer.)

What this boils down to is that not all wildlife are created equal in the eyes of the law. I'm not finding fault with this. I think it's understandable and I've certainly come up against it year after year when the Town of Monterey gets ready to draw down Lake Garfield for the winter, thus freezing and starving and at the very least harassing countless species of wildlife from invisible protozoa right up through bullfrogs, painted turtles, muskrats, beavers and even some not-so-wild life like fishermen, boaters, ice-skaters, and people who like to see a lake looking like a lake instead of a mudflat all winter.

Rose the goose is not bothered by fine points like this. She could have died last month, she might die today. All she knows is she's having fun in the water and doesn't have to eat scratch feed and laybits any more. Being young, she takes no responsibility for monitoring the actions of odd strangers to her group.

Being old, and human, I have to decide which responsibilities to take. Having children, I have to be able to put all this into words, tell them why the laws which protect geese are good laws, why the stranger is in our driveway with his gun and his badge.

— Bonner J. McAllester



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MONTEREY HISTORY
The Monterey Stage

Frank Hart and his wife, Cora Johnson, lived in the three-room apartment at B. E. Tryon's across from the Post Office. About five o'clock in the morning Frank was up having his breakfast; almost ready to go to work. He went to the Heath and Barnum Livery Stables, harnessed a horse, hitched it to a buggy and started for West Otis, where he would receive a pouch locked together by the Postmaster, Ralph Langdon. This Post Office was in the Langdon house on the north side of Route 23 and west of Tyringham Road. It burned down some years ago. The cellar hole and foundation have been levelled and made into a meadow. On Frank's return trip back to the P. O. in Monterey he had to pick up all mail in the letter boxes beside of the road. The owner of the box would put up the mailbox flag to let Hart know he had to stop.

Arriving back in Monterey, Frank would stop at the Berkshire Hill Creamery, where he would pick up a box of butter going by express to New York. Stopping again at the Monterey Post Office, he would leave his pouch of mail and the letters he had picked up on his way from West Otis. Driving his horse and buggy back to the stable and leaving them, he then would take a pair of horses which some of Ellery Heath's help had made ready and hitched to a four-seated wagon called the "stage." This stage had a large box with hinged cover in front of the driver's seat, where he would carry the loose mail that he would collect on his way to Great Barrington. On the back of this stage was a baggage rack. Leaving the stable, he would come back to the village P. O., where the postmaster, Henry Langdon, would have the mail pouch and letters ready. Frank had to put the letters in the mailboxes along the way to Great Barrington.

Langdon also might have several crates of eggs to be taken to the merchants in Great Barrington or to be expressed elsewhere. Frank also received notes and messages along the way when someone would want an errand done. Arriving at the Great Barrington Post Office about two and one half hours later, he would leave the mail pouch at the P. O. and deliver his eggs and butter. Then he would go to the Paul and Walker Livery Stables to put up the horses for rest and a dinner. Through the back alley to "Crott's" he would get a cold glass of ale or an appetizer for lunch. The lunch room was run by the Edward Bropheys on Railroad Street. The train leaving New York City in the morning was due to arrive in Great Barrington a little after noon. Frank would have his stage at the Railroad Station waiting for any passengers wanting transportation to Monterey. Sometimes there would be as many as six persons and six or more trunks. The trunks would be put on the rack at the rear of the stage, securely tied with ropes.

The passengers in their seats, Frank would start on his return trip, stopping at the P. O. once again to pick up his mail pouches which could be four or five and a bundle of loose mail to be placed in mailboxes along the route home. The first stop would be at Three Mile Hill, where beside the road stood an iron watering trough with nice clean, cool water that was fed by a spring. This was refreshing for the horses as well as the passengers. A tin cup to be used by passengers would hang from a nail driven into a tree, or, if preferred, one could take the water by mouth as it was bubbling about two inches in the air like a drinking fountain. The next stop would be another watering trough, made by nailing several boards together. From here to Monterey was up and down hill. A large foot brake was used by Frank to help the horses hold the load back going down hills. Arriving at the P. O. in Monterey, about three hours' ride from Great Barrington, dirty and dusty and

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with the smell of the horses' sweat, everyone was glad to be at journey's end.

The mail pouches were taken in for sorting and the stage taken back to stables to be exchanged for the single horse and buggy which had to continue on with the West Otis pouches and the loose mail to be put in the boxes along the way.

After Frank had delivered the mail pouches to the West Otis P.O. he returned to the stables and had his horses fed, watered and bedded down. Then he came home to Cora for a good cooked supper. After supper the horses had to be brushed and curried and made ready for the next day's trip, to be done all over again. This was a six days' job, 52 weeks a year. As the years went on the transportation changed but not the route. Automobiles came in for carrying the luggage and the Berkshire Hills Creamery shut down. Milk was transported by the new stage in forty quart cans and taken to the milk plant on Maple Avenue in Great Barrington. Several of the farmers carried their own milk, but much of it was carried by stage. Claude Burke from H. W. Eaton's farm and Delmar Tryon all had their milk picked up here at the village store; along the route more milk was gathered. Enoes, Harts, and Bretts all left theirs at the roadside to be put on the stage. As of today (1973) no milk is going by stage. We have had several stage drivers, but it has always been a member of the Heath family. Paul Heath, "Teddy," drove for years until his death and then his wife, Hazel, took over and is still the driver.

— A. Wallace Tryon
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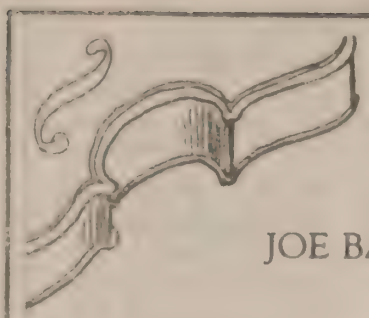
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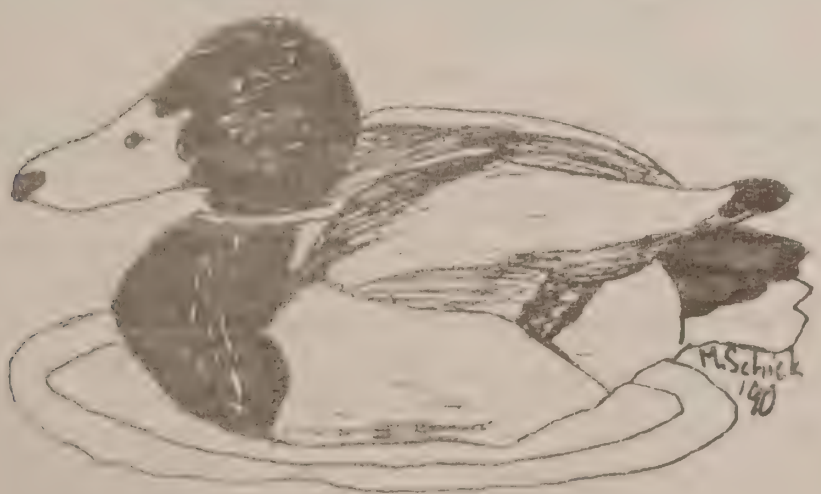

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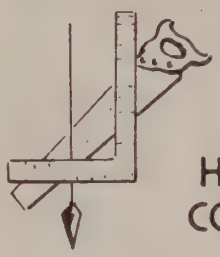

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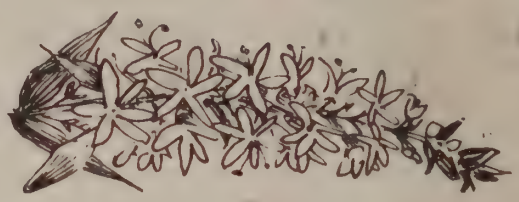

GERTRUD H. LOEHNDORF

Mrs. Gertrud H. Loehndorf, 87, of Pixley Road died on September 6 at Great Barrington Healthcare in Great Barrington, where she had lived since April. She was a foster grandmother at Vesper Hill in Great Barrington.

Born on March 24, 1903, in Wakendorf, Germany, daughter of Hans and Sophie Dunker Siedentopf, she graduated from high school in Wakendorf.

While in Germany, she and her husband operated the Tanneneck Bed & Breakfast. She was also a singer and a seamstress in the Kiel Opera.

Mrs. Loehndorf moved to the United States in 1960. She worked as a waitress at the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, as a seamstress at the Great Barrington nursing home and in the housekeeping department at Fairview Hospital.

She was a member of the Lutheran Church in Wakendorf, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pittsfield, the American Association of Retired Persons.

Her husband, Gustau F. Loehndorf, died in February 1974.

She leaves a sister, Mrs. Gretel Lange of Kiel; a daughter, Mrs. Elisabeth Pizzichemi of Monterey; a son, Harald Loehndorf of Wakendorf; nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

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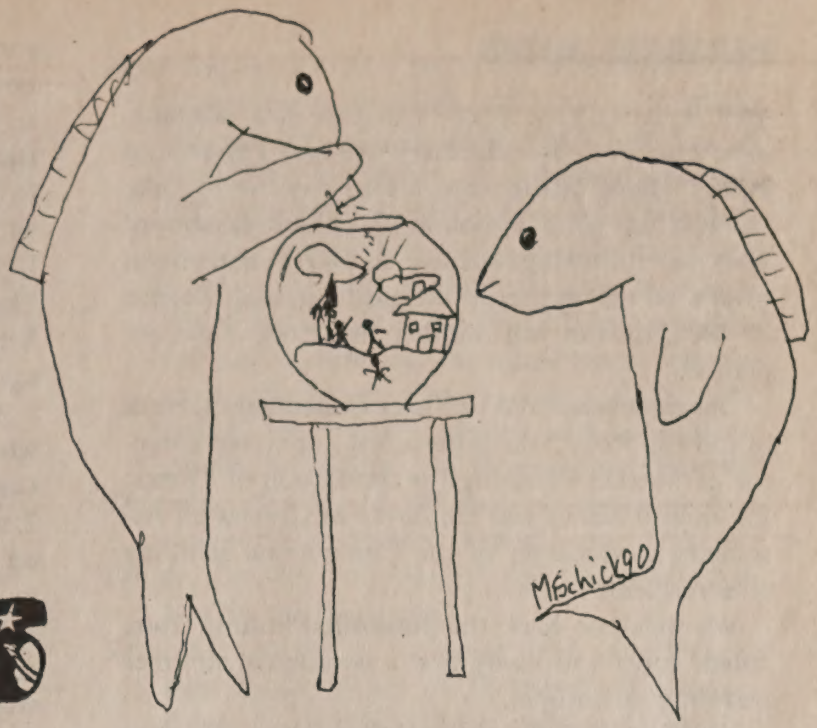

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PERSONAL NOTES

Well, we haven't had a good fish story for a long time. Where are you, **Bob Hardisty**? **Rodney Palmer** and **Henry 'Hank' Wolfer** took a four-day trip to Lake Ontario and got a 34-pound king chinook salmon! They were throwing back five- and six-pound brown trout after that as they just seemed too small. Believe it? Well, it's not just another fish story. I did see photos.

Our congratulations to **Nancy Quisenberry Litvack** of Bidwell Road, who is the newly appointed Director of Market Planning for the March of Dimes. Previously Nancy was employed at Greenwich Associates as manager of the Commercial Banking research team.

We welcome back the **Rosenthal** family. **Tom**, **Ellen**, **Lucy** and **Cody** had a wonderful summer traveling in Europe.

Welcome back also to the **Halley** family, who have returned to Lake Farm after a summer spree in Nova Scotia enjoying the sea.

John and **Ann Higgins** most enjoyed having Ann's parents in Monterey for the month of September. **Jack** and **Vera Doody** hail from Dublin, Ireland, and loved being in the Berkshires and especially seeing their grandchildren, **Eoin**, **Deirdre**, and **Colm**.

An update on that Monterey baby boom! Our congratulations to **Anson** and **Emily Olds** of Blue Hill Road, whose daughter, **Kate Elizabeth**, was born on August 15, weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Also, congratulations to **Richard** and **Linda Briggs Haapanen** of Chestnut Hill Road, whose daughter, **Gabriele Ruthe**, was born on September 3 in Great Barrington.

And congratulations to **Robert** and **Karen Steiger Sawers** of Gould Road, whose son **Michael Robert**, was born in Great Barrington on September 12.

It's cheerful to go by the Monterey Kindergarten in the mornings and to see and hear such happy hubbub. Monterey students joining teacher **Susan Andersen** and aide **Linda Thorpe** this fall are **Joseph Borque**, **Stephen Bynack**, **Jared Holzman**, **Claire Mielke**, **Cody Rosenthal**, **Alix Tillett**, and **Heather Touponce**.

As we move from kindergarten to college, I'm somewhat reluctant to venture forth for fear of leaving somebody out. Please do not be offended, and just let me know. We want to wish our Monterey college students well and to try and keep track of them as they scatter off. For now, we wish the following our best, as they begin what we hope will be an exciting and wonderful school year: **Shannon Amidon** at Louisiana State, **Jen Brown** at U Mass, **Doug Brown** at the Florida Institute of Technology, **Meghan Bradley** at Simmons College, **Michelle Grotz** at Mt. Holyoke College, **Joel Kalodner** at Haverford, **Patrick McBride** at Whitman College, **Kip Makuc** at Boston University, **Anne Marie Makuc** at Wellesley, **Gaby Sherb** at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and **Virginia Wasiuk** as she enters her first year of law school in St. Louis.

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Dinah Mielke**, who celebrated her first on September 2, to **Rita Gottlieb** on October 1, to **Jim Gauthier** on October 2, to **Tom Thorn** on October 9, to **Dave Quisenberry** on October 2, to **Claire Mielke** on October 24, and to **Debbie Mielke** on October 27.

It's great to receive your contributions. Please *continue* to jot down your news items, birthdays, etc. and drop them at the General Store or in the mail to me, Route 23, Monterey. Or give me a call at 528-4519. I appreciate it!

— Stephanie Grotz

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CALENDAR

Thursday, October 4—Public hearing on the Stream and Pond Protection bylaw proposal. 7:30 p.m. in the Town Offices.

Saturday, October 6—Party and Book Reading for Roberta Silman. 2:00-4:00 p.m. at The Bookstore, Lenox. See article on page 8 for more information.

Saturday, October 6—"Let's Dance Two," Park Commission Dance. 8:00 p.m. to midnight at the firehouse.

Tuesday, October 9—Prayer breakfast at Rock Ridge. 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 9—Republican Town Committee Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse. All members and anyone interested in working for the Republican ticket in November are urged to attend. For information, call Mark Makuc at 528-1382.

Wednesday, October 10—Community Dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. The program will be a sing-along, led by Oren Rosenthal.

Saturday, October 13—A Taste of the Berkshire Hills. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Great Barrington. See article on page 9 for more information.

Saturday, October 13—Visit to Monterey by Soviet students. 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. See article on page 8 for more information.

Saturday, October 13—Sixth Annual Harvest Moon Square and Contra Dance Party at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel, with guest caller Sarah Gregory Smith of Salem, Mass. Everyone is welcome. Special entertainment and singing at halftime, including Grian MacGregor and the Ivy Vine Players, wonderful puppet shows for the whole family. Homemade refreshments (baked goods, apple desserts, coffee, tea, cider) included with admission. Adults, $7; children, $3. Information: 528-9385.

Thursday, October 18—Friends of Silence meditation at the Anderson/Howell home. 7:30 a.m.

Friday, October 19—Special Town Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the firehouse.

Saturday, October 27—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission $4. Information: 528-9385.

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